

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Martin Gimmestad, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/522,510

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Title: NEW MUTANT STRAINS OF PSEUDOMONAS FLUOROSCENS AND
VARIANTS THEREOF, METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND USES
THEREOF IN ALGINATE PRODUCTION

REMARKS

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby state that each strain referred to in the claims has been deposited with NCIMB under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, as described in the present application, and will be irrevocably available upon granting of the patent for the above-identified application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at this time. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees and credit of any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully Submitted,

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